AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A device for processing image data comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first image data including printer language data;

a first generator for generating a second image data including bitmap data by developing the first image data;

a second generator for generating a third image data by compressing the second image data;

a printing unit for printing on a recording medium using the second image data;

a first comparator for comparing a first time required for developing the first image data and a second time required for printing with the second image data;

a second comparator for comparing a volume of the first image data and a volume of the third image data; and

storage means for storing the first image data if said first comparator judges that the first time is shorter than the second time and if at the same time said second comparator judges that the volume of the first image data is smaller than the volume of the third image data.

15. (Previously Presented) A device for processing image data comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first image data including printer language data;

a first generator for generating a second image data including bitmap data by developing the first image data;

a second generator for generating a third image data by compressing the second image data;

a printing unit for printing on a recording medium using the second image data;

a comparator for comparing, if image data of two pages previous to a current page are stored as the second image data, a first time required for developing the first image data of the current page and a second time required for printing a recording medium using the second image data of the two previous pages; and

storage means for storing the first image data of the current page if said comparator judges that the first time is shorter than the second time.

16. (Previously Presented) A device for processing image data comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first image data including printer language data;

a first generator for generating a second image data including bitmap data by developing the first image data;

a second generator for generating a third image data by compressing the second image data;

a printing unit for printing on a recording medium using the second image data;

a first comparator for comparing, if image data of two pages previous to a current page are stored as the second image data, a first time required for developing the first image data of the current page and a second time required for printing a recording medium using the second image data of the two previous pages;

a second comparator for comparing a volume of the first image data of the current page and a volume of the third image data of the current page; and

storage means for storing the first image data of the current page if said first comparator judges that the first time is shorter than the second time and if at the same time said second comparator judges that the volume of the first image data of the current page is smaller than the volume of the third image data of the current page.